

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1156

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Allen Jordan Perry, 2008  
Valedictorian of Stewart County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Allen Jordan Perry is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2008 graduating class at Stewart County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Jordan Perry has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Jordan has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average while participating in a number of extracurricular activities, including the Beta Club, the Rebel Football Team, Concert Band, 4-H, and Health Occupation Students of America; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. Perry was honored for his abilities on the football field, garnering the Iron Man Award and thrice gaining nomination to the Academic All-Region team, as a musician, earning recognition as a soloist and Ensemble First Place winner, and for his participation in service clubs, serving as a delegate to the 4H State Congress and participating in numerous state, regional, and national HOSA competitions; and

WHEREAS, a civic-minded young man, Mr. Perry has been actively involved in numerous community organizations, such as the Boy Scouts of America, of which he has been a member for eleven years, serving as Troop Guide and Senior Patrol Leader and attaining the lofty rank of Eagle Scout in 2006; he also dedicates his time to the Veterans of Foreign Wars,

won their Youth of the Year State Award in 2007, and placed in several of their Voice of Democracy Scholarship contests; and

WHEREAS, musically inclined, Jordan Perry has demonstrated incredible skill and talent as a piano student for nine years; and

WHEREAS, possessing a deep Christian faith, Jordan is an active and devout member of Fort Donelson Memorial United Methodist Church, where he is highly involved in youth ministry and renders astute service as Vice-President of the Clarksville District of United Methodist Youth; and

WHEREAS, his display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success at Vanderbilt University, where he was accepted early decision; and

WHEREAS, Jordan Perry's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Betsy and Kevin Perry, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2008 Stewart County High School Valedictorian, Allen Jordan Perry, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.